

VERY BRIGHT

Is the Outlook for Industrial Peace on May 1.

BUILDING TRADES

Report Large Demand for Labor—Relations Between Employer and Employee are Harmonious.

New York, April 29.—The opening of the out of door construction season finds New York, both city and state, without apprehension of serious labor troubles. In the building trades especially is the outlook prosperous. There is a large and well met demand for both skilled and unskilled labor, due to the extensive private construction projects now under way and the tunnels, railway terminals and other undertakings of a public or quasi-public nature. This contentment is generally reflected in the manufacturing and industrial centers.

Boston, April 29.—According to the union officers and business agents of workingmen's organizations, the industrial situation in New England, May 1, will be marked by fewer contentions between capital and labor than for many years. In the building trades several small strikes are threatened in a number of cities, but in Boston there promises to be little suspension of work in any industry.

The building laborers' unions, the members of which are unsatisfied, have requested new wage rates in Boston and vicinity. It is understood that the prospects of a settlement without a strike are excellent. The painters of eastern Massachusetts are endeavoring to establish a uniform wage of \$3 a day minimum in Boston, but there will be no strike on May 1, as the wage question will not be adjusted until later.

Chicago, April 29.—The relations between employer and employee were probably never so harmonious in Chicago as they are now. In the past on May 1 there have usually been differences between the labor unions and the employers in Chicago, but this year there is scarcely a cloud on the industrial horizon.

Every union in the building industry with the exception of the structural iron workers has renewed contracts with employers, and the iron workers expect to reach a settlement without a strike. Machinists have demanded an increase of 25 cents a day in wages, but the indications are that there will be practically no trouble in putting the new schedule into effect.

St. Louis, April 29.—Employers and labor leaders of St. Louis and the southwest report better labor conditions for May 1, this year than for many years past. Practically all wage scales in St. Louis and the surrounding territory for 200 miles are signed. In St. Louis alone this includes 120,000 union men. The unions allied with the building trades council here are all signed for the year with the exception of a very few men employed in small shops. There are about 40,000 men in these unions. Other branches of trade show a similarly good condition.

Pittsburgh, April 29.—May day in Pittsburgh and vicinity is expected to pass off with less labor disputes than in previous years. Heretofore considerable difficulty has been experienced between the workmen and building trades, but this year scales have been signed and the men are apparently satisfied. With the exception of the machinists, about 300 of whom are already on strike, it is believed all the wage scales will be amicably adjusted. The machinists are striking for an increase of wages and shorter hours.

San Francisco, April 29.—May 1 will find San Francisco facing serious labor troubles. Eleven unions, including every branch of the metal trades, have called meetings to be held between noon and Tuesday night to consider the refusal of employers to grant an eight-hour day with nine hours' pay. A vote will be taken to decide whether the men shall accept the offer of a continuance of the nine-hour day with a 3 per cent. increase in wages, or go on strike. About 10,000 men are involved. The street car men have issued a call for a mass meeting at midnight Tuesday to take a vote on the refusal of the United Railways to grant motormen and conductors an eight-hour day and a wage of \$3 a day. If a strike should be voted, the entire street car traffic of the city will be paralyzed.

Two Men Killed by an Explosion. St. Louis, April 29.—Albert Zimmerman and John Becker were killed and eight men were injured Sunday at Luxemburg, a suburb, by an explosion of dynamite while they were attempting to extinguish a fire in a small building. Several of the injured are in a serious condition. The police are working on the theory that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Maud Harrison, Actress, Dies. New York, April 29.—Maud Harrison, the actress, while alone in her apartments at the Hotel Willard on Sunday was stricken with paralysis and died a few hours later. She was 51 years of age and a sister of Louis Harrison, the actor.

Singer Hermann is Acquitted. Washington, April 29.—The jury in the case of Singer Hermann, former commissioner of the general land office, on trial for the destruction of public records, returned a verdict of not guilty.

VACATION TIME IS COMING.



ENGINE FELL INTO A CREEK.

Two Men Killed in a Wreck on the Wabash Railroad Near Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, April 29.—Two men were killed and 100 passengers had a thrilling escape from a like fate in a wreck on the Wabash railroad Sunday when the engine and one passenger coach of westbound train No. 27 left the tracks half a mile west of the Bridgeville station near here and plunged into Chartiers creek, 40 feet below. Scores of people missed death or injury through a circumstance which is now regarded as providential. The dead: Marion Boyd, engineer, of Rook Station. Frank Melsaacs, fireman, of Barbours, O.

The train was made up of four passenger coaches. It was crossing a trestle over Chartiers creek, when without warning the engine suddenly leaped from the rails and shot to the stream underneath, taking the first coach with it. The fore part of the engine sank several feet into the mud of the creek bed. The coach was smashed to splinters by its terrific impact with the locomotive. By what railroad men regard as little more than mere chance there were no passengers in the front coach. The coupling between it and the second coach was wrenched in two when it was torn from the trestle by the engine.

None of those in the three rear coaches knew of the accident or realized how close they had come to death until several minutes afterwards, when the cars, deprived of motive power, slackened their speed and came to a stop. A new schedule went into effect on the road Sunday and to this fact many owe their lives.

Under the new schedule train No. 27 left this city 45 minutes earlier and over 50 persons missed the train for this reason. On account of the reduced number of passengers all were placed in the three rear coaches, while the front coach was unoccupied. Boyd and Melsaacs were crushed to death. A short time after the wreck their mangled bodies were found under the debris in the shallow water. The cause of the accident is thus far a mystery.

MINERS ARE ENTOMBED.

Seven Men are Buried Alive in a Mine at Foustwell, Pa.

Johnstown, Pa., April 29.—Despite the fact that 12 large pumps have been in operation for two days at Mine No. 38 of the Berwind-White Co. at Foustwell, where seven men have been imprisoned since Friday by a flood of water from abandoned workings, so little progress has been made that the miners may not be reached until too late to save their lives.

All day Sunday the tapping on the compressed air pipes continued. The rescuing party is greatly puzzled over the manner in which these taps are given. Invariably the number is seven. Whether the miners on the other side of the flooded headings mean that they are in No. 7 heading, south of second right heading, or whether they mean that seven men are living is merely a matter of conjecture. There is no possibility of reaching them until the main heading is dry.

Mine Inspector J. T. Evans, of this city, went into the openings Sunday with Superintendent Thomas, of the Berwind-White Co. These experts upon returning to the outer air gave it as their opinion that a rescue would be impossible until some time this afternoon at the latest. The miners' supply of food is long since exhausted and it is only a question of time until the supply of air in the heading in which they are imprisoned will be exhausted.

Man Shot by Strike Breaker Dies. Boston, April 29.—Michael Cunningham, a union teamster who was shot by a strike breaker in South Boston last Wednesday, died of his injuries Sunday. William Harris, of New York, is under arrest, charged with shooting Cunningham. While one of the teams employed by a firm involved in the strike was passing the South station Sunday a crowd collected and the driver fired three or four shots, none of which struck any one.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

James R. Foraker, brother of Senator Foraker, is dead at his home in Cincinnati, of cancer, of which he had suffered for a long time.

Thomas Miller, a miner, died from the effects of a blow on the solar plexus given by Samuel Irons in a prize fight at Walsenburg, Col.

The Klaw & Erlanger and the Shubert theatrical interests have been merged in a combine under the name of the United States Amusement Co.

Policeman Michael J. McNamara, of St. Louis, has been sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary for killing his wife and John J. Brophy, a saloonkeeper, in a hotel four months ago.

Four men were instantly killed, three others were badly injured and 15 persons more or less seriously hurt by the falling of a brick wall at the De La Mar copper works at Chrome, N. J.

Lockout Follows a Strike.

Havana, April 29.—In consequence of the lockout to-day in all the independent cigar factories in Havana 9,000 cigarmakers will join the ranks of the 3,000 employees of the Havana Tobacco Co. who struck two months ago, demanding that their wages be paid in American instead of Spanish gold. A committee of strikers visited Gov. Magon on Sunday and told him they had decided not to hold any meetings and would guarantee the preservation of order. The manufacturers have appointed a committee to arrange terms of settlement with the strikers.

Mexico Demands Lima's Extradition.

Mexico City, April 29.—Minister of Foreign Affairs Mariscal has issued a statement in which he says that the Mexican government has made a demand on Guatemala that Gen. Jose Lima, of the Guatemalan army, be held on the charge of murder of Gen. Barrios, until extradition papers reach the Guatemalan capital. The minister says that Guatemala is not bound by treaty to acquiesce to Mexico's demand. He adds, however, that unless Guatemala accedes to Mexico's request on the grounds of courtesy, diplomatic relations between the countries will be severed.

Dundon Reorganizes His Team.

Toledo, April 29.—Because of insubordination and indifference playing Capt. Gus Dundon, of the Minneapolis club, benched "Tip" O'Neill, fielder, the ex-White Stocking, in Sunday's game. Dundon last night announced the release of Jim Hart, fielder; Cadwallader, pitcher, and Jack Shannon, catcher. These players will find berths in the Western league. Dundon also announced that he had bought Buck Freeman, fielder, and Graham, pitcher, from the Washington club of the American league.

Tornado Caused Death and Ruin.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 29.—The village of Hemming, Cook county, was destroyed, extensive damage done to property and crops at other points and eight lives lost as a result of a storm which was general over this state Saturday and which at several points assumed the proportions of a tornado. The little village of Hemming was almost wiped out and five persons are known to have been killed there. The path of the tornado was 500 feet wide, but it traveled a great distance.

Postponed the Ascension.

St. Louis, April 29.—The balloon ascension to have been made here last night by Capt. Chandler, of the signal corps, and J. C. McCoy, of New York City, was postponed. It was decided to wait for a strong west wind.

Scurvy Adds Terror to Famine.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Scurvy has increased greatly in the famine districts. A telegram from the sanitary president of Ufa province reports 11,000 cases in that province up to April 25.

Stromboli in Eruption.

Catania, Sicily, April 29.—The observatory on Mount Etna registers an extraordinary eruption of the volcano on the island of Stromboli. The volcano is throwing out large quantities of ashes and cluders which are damaging vineyards.

BLACK HAND

Society Is Responsible for Reign of Crime.

TRIAL OF ITALIANS

Now in Progress at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Reveals a Startling Story of Blackmail and Murder.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 29.—The trial of the "Black Hand" suspects will be resumed in court to-day and it is expected that the case will go to the jury on Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. Counsel for the defense, it is said, will attempt to prove alibis for the defendants.

District Attorney Salsburg, however, feels confident that there can be only one result—conviction. Speaking of the alleged "Black Hand" society, the district attorney said Sunday: "I am firmly convinced that there is a branch of the 'Black Hand' society in this county. It is an offshoot of the New York and Philadelphia organizations. I am led to believe this from the fact that Louis Perino, better known as the 'Ox,' was quite active at Brownstown, a suburb of Pittston, until he met his death at the hands of an assassin. Perino was undoubtedly implicated in the 'barrel murder mystery' in New York. After his release from prison there he came direct to Brownstown, which was then the headquarters for the local 'Black Hand.' He was shrewd and cunning and I have no doubt succeeded in getting large sums of money from his countrymen."

"He was not long in this section until a number of strange Italians from the large cities joined him. The 'Ox' introduced the strangers to the most prosperous Italians as his friends. After remaining at Brownstown some weeks the strangers left, but the 'Ox' remained. Then letters began to be received by the wealthy Italians of the place notifying them that if they did not pay over certain sums of money to agents of the society their lives would be in danger. "Many who received the threatening letters went to the 'Ox' and asked him what they should do. He always advised a settlement. He would agree to accept 50 per cent. of the claim and give assurance to the parties that they would not be bothered in the future. In most every case the money was produced. The 'Ox' got it. But he was selfish. He wanted the major portion of the money himself. This led to a quarrel with his lieutenants and one night he was shot down in the roadway. His body was not found until the next morning. It was riddled with bullets, showing that his enemies hated him with a vengeance. These Italians who refused to pay the 'Ox' soon felt the heavy hand of the 'Black Hand.' Three murders took place in a short time and I believe the men killed were all victims of the organization. If murder was not resorted to, robbery was perpetrated."

"During the trial last week our detectives noticed in and about the court room Italians said to be implicated in crimes in Philadelphia, New York and other large cities in the past, and they were very near here for any good purpose. One of our witnesses was intimidated, but by increasing our detective force we were able to give protection to our witnesses and they went on the witness stand without fear."

Her Second Escape.

Columbus, O., April 29.—Mrs. Lizzie A. Williams, who killed her two children in this city in 1894, escaped from the Columbus state hospital for the insane Sunday. Mrs. Williams' case was a notable one in the criminal annals of this state. She was committed to the state hospital shortly after the crime, but escaped a year later and fled to Canada. She returned to Columbus in 1905 and was again committed to the state hospital.

Castro Plans to Retire.

New York, April 29.—The Tribune says: "President Castro, of Venezuela, according to information received in this city yesterday, is planning to retire from office on May 23. The reason is his ill health. He will seek recuperation in the mountains of Switzerland. Gen. Gomez, first vice president, will succeed Castro."

Was Struck with Apoplexy.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 29.—Rev. J. D. Simmons, of this city, editor of the Baptist Banner, was found unconscious in his room at a hotel Sunday. He had suffered a stroke of apoplexy. He cannot recover.

Earthquakes Cause Terror in Italy.

Naples, April 29.—Frequent "light" shocks of earthquakes were felt Sunday in Calabria. The populace of southern Italy, especially in Calabria, is fearful lest there be a repetition of the earthquake disaster of 1905.

A Chapter of Accidents.

Portland, Ind., April 29.—A train on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad was wrecked at Collet, Ind., Sunday and about a dozen passengers were injured. A truck under the tender collapsed, throwing the train into a ditch. While going to the scene of the wreck in an automobile, Frank Kenworthy and four residents of Winchester, Ind., ran into a fence and were thrown out. Kenworthy landed against a telegraph pole. His neck was broken and he died. George Edwards, another of the automobile party, was seriously hurt.

Tank Steamer Foundered.

Falmouth, April 29.—The British steamer Sagami, from New York, arrived here Sunday and landed the crew of the British tank steamer Lucifer, from New York to Dublin, which was abandoned. The Lucifer's crew say it was discovered April 8 that the vessel's hold was filling with water. The pumps were manned, but the water gained until it reached the fires, which were extinguished. Her captain ordered the boats stocked with provisions for 12 days and made ready for use. Finally, after a week the Sagami was sighted and the crew were transferred. Shortly after this the Lucifer foundered.

A Town Marshal Is Murdered.

Portsmouth, O., April 29.—Arthur Rutter, marshal of New Boston, a suburb, was shot and killed Saturday night by a man whom he was about to arrest. The murderer escaped. Nellie Maple, of New Boston, had received an anonymous letter suggesting that she meet the writer. She was to tie a string on the gate post if she desired a meeting. Marshal Rutter planned to catch the writer of the letter by carrying out his suggestion. The man appeared at the appointed time and as the marshal stepped up to him, the latter writer drew a revolver and fired, the bullet taking effect in Rutter's head.

Alleged Kidnapers are Arrested.

New York, April 29.—Pietro Piniello, a fruit dealer, was arrested last night, charged with being the head of a gang of kidnapers. He is charged with the kidnaping of Salvatore Salti, a young boy who disappeared from his home January 9. The police have been on the trail for months and during the search arrested four others and recovered the Salti boy.

A Disastrous Collapse.

Bedford City, Va., April 29.—About 100 feet of the arch of the new concrete bridge over Little Otter river at Lowry, Va., gave way Saturday and fell in the stream below, carrying with it with many hundreds tons of earth and completely damming the stream. The loss is variously estimated at from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Big Increase in Sugar Consumption.

Washington, April 29.—The consumption of sugar in the United States in the fiscal year which ends June 30 will probably exceed that of any earlier year in the history of the country, according to a statement issued by the department of commerce and labor.

Roosevelt Returns to Washington.

Washington, April 29.—Returning from the visit at the Jamestown exposition and a holiday on the James river, President Roosevelt and party returned here Sunday on the cruise yacht Mayflower.

TRAPPING OF WILD ANIMALS.

Jungle Creatures Have No Chance Against Ingenuity of Man.

"Elephants is easy trapped," said a zoo keeper. "Very easy trapped, very easy tamed. The trapper chooses a spot where is a popular elephant haunt, and here he digs a hole five feet deep and 20 foot square. He surrounds this hole with a high board fence, except in one place, where he hangs a swing gate. So far so good. Next he finds a herd of elephants, chooses the animal he wants, maddens it, and makes it chase him. Lickety-split, lickety-split. The man tears along on his nag, the elephant thunders closely after, and just at the gateway the man swerves to the right, but the elephant, too heavy to swerve, bangs right on through, kerthump, into the hole. He's mad at first, outrageous, terrible. But they give him no food nor drink, they build around the pit fire of damp wood that suffocate him nearly with the smoke, and they daze him with shouts and the banging of brass pans. That there wild elephant is completely broke and subdued in three or four days. He comes forth and follows the trapper humbly and timidly, with tears in his eyes. Monkeys is trapped—ain't it a shame?—with booze. You rush in among a flock of them, and they take to the trees, chatterin' and watchful. You pull out some bottles of strong, sweet booze, pretend to drink from them, then lay them down and go away. On your return an hour later the floor of the jungle is strewn with the limp, slim bodies of drunken monkeys. The only animal impossible to trap is the gorilla. Too strong and fierce."

CRADLE OF A PRESIDENT.

Historic Relic Used by John Quincy Adams.

Boston.—The cradle bed of John Quincy Adams has historic interest for all Americans. It is preserved in the museum in Boston and is of the type common at the time Adams was born. It has a wooden box, with

Once Rocked a Future President.

Fockers and hood of the same material, guiltless of decoration of any sort. Speaking of cradles, one is reminded that it is said that Francis d'Assisi invented the cradle for the purpose of making plain to the people of his time who could not read the picture of the Nativity. The manger-like cradle used then containing the Christ child gave the ignorant folk an excellent idea of the conditions in Bethlehem on that wonderful Christmas night.

Toledo to Have Women Police.

Toledo, O.—Toledo is to have a staff of women policemen. The women police will be detailed at the various parks to look after wayward children who frequent them at night. While they will be vested with full police authority they will have no control of the juvenile court.

IS SMALLEST PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Conducted Solely for Children of Alleged Outlaw.

Madison.—Wisconsin claims to be conducting the smallest public school on the American continent. A single family provides the pupils, six in number, and to give these children an education the state pays a teacher \$40 a month. The family is that of John P. Dietz, who has a national reputation as the "Outlaw of Cameron Dam," the man who is fighting an entire state, and its courts, and who is still unsubdued after three years of defiance of the authorities. G. F. Graham is the teacher of this strange school, which is conducted in the Dietz home, the only house for



The Dietz Children and Home.

miles around Cameron Dam, the spot in the woods of northern Wisconsin for whose possession the battle between the Dietz family and the state which has made Dietz an outlaw.

Dietz, who was formerly sheriff of Sawyer county, whose officers he is now defying, claims to have the right to collect from the Chippewa Lumber company a fee for every log which passes through the dam. To enforce his right he grew all the water from the mill pond above the dam, and left timber valued at \$20,000 on the banks to rot. The company refused to give in, and sent men to try to dislodge him. He beat off the company's men. Then the courts were appealed to. A party sent to attack him was fired upon and one man slightly wounded. This stopped trouble for a time, until a year ago, when a new sheriff, the first having resigned rather than make another raid, took a party of six Milwaukee men into the wilderness, 50 miles from the county seat. Clarence Dietz, son of the homesteader, was wounded, and one of the raiding party was severely wounded. The others escaped. Since then, however, Dietz has been unable to get into a civilized community without the danger of arrest, so has remained in the wilderness. On the other hand, the officers have tried to starve him out, but he remains steadfast, and during the winter a load of about 2,000 pounds of provisions, collected by admirers of his contest against a corporation, was smuggled past the deputies to his home in the woods.

But while a prisoner in the wilderness, Dietz can still claim the right from the state to educate his children, so Teacher Graham spends school hours every day teaching various members of the family of six children and the rest of the time is free to wander about the woods, hunting and fishing. He is almost in the forest primeval, and wild game is plenty at their very door.

Dietz's family consists of the following, as shown in the accompanying picture, reading from left to right: Stanley, Helen, Leslie, John, Jr., Clarence and Elmyra. Clarence is shown still wearing the bandage which dressed the wound he received in the last battle with the sheriff's posse.

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